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FORMER DEKALB TAX PREPARER SENTENCED TO 30 MONTHS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR DEFRAUDING CLIENT OF \$44,246.44

ROCKFORD -- PATRICK J. FITZGERALD, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, and PETER McCONNEY, Special Agent in Charge of the Treasury Department's Chicago Field Division Office of the Inspector General for Tax Administration, today made the following announcement:

United States District Judge Philip G. Reinhard today sentenced **ROBERT A. KUZLIK**, 41 (DOB: 9/29/64), formerly of DeKalb, Illinois, to 30 months in federal prison without parole for having engaged in a mail fraud scheme to defraud a client of his business, RAK Enterprises, Inc., which did business as Executive Tax and Business Services and had offices in DeKalb, Illinois. The scheme resulted in the embezzlement of \$44,246.44 from his client between December 1999 and September 2000. In addition to his prison sentence, the court ordered Kuzlik to serve 3 years supervised release following his release from prison, and ordered Kuzlik to pay \$44,426.44 in restitution.

The indictment alleged that KUZLIK, an officer and majority owner of RAK Enterprises, Inc. ("RAK"), caused a client to use the U.S. Postal Service to mail checks to RAK. The checks represented funds withheld by the client from its employees' wages, and employment taxes owed by the client. According to the indictment, KUZLIK had promised to deposit the checks into a bank trust account for delivery to the IRS. The indictment further alleged that instead of depositing the client's checks into a bank trust account for payment to the IRS, KUZLIK deposited thirteen of the checks into RAK's bank account and used those funds for his own purposes, thereby embezzling approximately \$44,246.44 from the client. Kuzlik was found guilty of the charges on August 31, 2005, following a three-day jury trial in federal court.

The case was investigated by Special Agents of the Treasury Department's Office of the Inspector General for Tax Administration, with assistance from the DeKalb Police Department. The case was prosecuted in United States District Court in Rockford by Assistant United States Attorneys Michael D. Love and Scott A. Verseman.

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